
WISCONSIN MEDICAID UPDATE

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TO:
Home Health Agencies

Flu Vaccinations - Effective for dates of service on
and after July 1, 1996

Home health agencies now may provide flu vaccinations

Effective July 1, 1996, Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses home health agencies for flu vaccinations. Currently public health agency nurses administer flu shots in community clinics with flu vaccine they purchase.

Home health agencies may administer flu shots to the homebound recipients they are already providing services to, under the following conditions:

- There must be a physician order.
- A skilled nurse must administer the flu shot during an *already* scheduled home nursing visit. If the flu shot is the *only* purpose for the nursing visit, Wisconsin Medicaid does not reimburse for a skilled nursing visit.

Home health agencies may also set up community vaccination clinics to provide flu shots to Medicaid recipients. There must be established protocol, policy, and guidelines that are approved by the agency's medical director.

Reimbursement rates

Wisconsin Medicaid reimburses a provider's usual and customary charge, up to the maximum allowable fee (MAF). The MAF for flu vaccination is the contract drug rate set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) plus the allowed administration fee.

Currently the contract rate is \$3.92 for the vaccine and \$3.06 for administration for a total MAF of \$6.98. Agencies must purchase their own vaccine.

Billing information

When billing for flu vaccinations, use the procedure code influenza virus vaccine (90724) with type of service 1. Use the UB-92 claim form. A separate claim form must be used for each recipient. Wisconsin Medicaid does not accept rosters of recipients provided flu shots.

When Medicare or health insurance covers flu vaccines, you must bill Medicare or the health insurance. You may bill Wisconsin Medicaid only if you are *denied* payment from Medicare or health insurance.

Bill Wisconsin Medicaid your usual and customary charge, which is the amount you charge for the same service when provided to private pay patients. POH 1511